

That which is claimed:

1. A method comprising:
associating a keyword with a first user interface area;
receiving a signal indicating that the first user interface area is inactive and a second user interface area is active; and
generating an implicit search query comprising the keyword.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first user interface area comprises a user interface window.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the first user interface area is associated with a first application.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the keyword comprises a plurality of keywords.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the first user interface area comprises a document.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the keyword comprises an attribute of an event.
7. The method of claim 1, further comprising identifying the keyword in the first user interface area.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising discontinuing use of the keyword after a period of time has elapsed.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the period of time comprises approximately 30 seconds.

10. The method of claim 1, further comprising downweighting a measure of a result in a result set associated with the implicit query after a period of time has elapsed.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein associating the keyword with the first user interface area comprises storing the keyword and a user interface area identifier in a memory.

12. The method of claim 1, further comprising downweighting a measure of a result in a result set associated with the implicit query based at least in part on a period of time elapsed.

13. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a result set associated with the implicit search query; and
causing the result set to be output.

14. A method comprising:
associating a keyword with a first user interface area;

receiving a signal indicating that the first user interface area is inactive and a second user interface area is active;

determining an elapsed time since the first user interface area became inactive;

generating an implicit search query comprising the keyword;

receiving a result set associated with the search query; and

downweighting a result in the result set based on the elapsed time.

15. A computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising:

program code for associating a keyword with a first user interface area;

program code for receiving a signal indicating that the first user interface area is inactive and a second user interface area is active; and

program code for generating an implicit search query comprising the keyword.

16. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, further comprising program code for identifying the keyword in the first user interface area.

17. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, further comprising program code for discontinuing use of the keyword after a period of time has elapsed.

18. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, further comprising program code for downweighting a measure of a result in a result set associated with the implicit query

wherein the downweighting is computed based at least in part on a period of time elapsed.

19. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein program code for associating the keyword with the first user interface area comprises program code for storing the keyword and a user interface area identifier in a memory.

20. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, further comprising:
program code for receiving a result set associated with the implicit search query;
and
program code for causing the result set to be output.

21. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, further comprising program code for downweighting a measure of a result in a result set associated with the implicit query based at least in part on a period of time elapsed.

22. A computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising:
program code for associating a keyword with a first user interface area;
program code for receiving a signal indicating that the first user interface area is inactive and a second user interface area is active;
program code for determining an elapsed time since the first user interface area became inactive;

program code for generating an implicit search query comprising the keyword;
program code for receiving a result set associated with the search query; and
program code for downweighting a result in the result set based on the elapsed
time.

23. A method comprising:

associating a plurality of keywords with a plurality of user interface areas;
generating an implicit search query comprising at least one of the plurality of
keywords; and

weighting at least one of the query keywords and the query results based at least
in part on one or more of whether the user interface area associated with the keyword is
active, the time since the keyword was determined, the time since the user interface area
was last active, and the frequency and time periods over which the user interface area has
been active.